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To: All Field Offices, Livestock, Meats and Wool Market News,
All Regional Offices

From: Fred J. Beard, Market News and Grading Division
Livestock and Meats Branch

Subject: Instructions for transmission, handling and dissemination of
Weekly Slaughter Data

In connection with the revised weekly report of Federally Inspected slaughter of livestock, specific instructions for assembling and transmission of slaughter data were sent to a number of field offices. These instructions included a revised copy of Form LSM-31 which, in most instances, was marked to show precisely to which office or offices the report was to be transmitted. A recent check of leased wire messages transmitting slaughter data showed only a few wires that were correctly addressed to "Livestock, CX Chicago".

Many of the wires moving to Chicago contain information that is confidential, therefore, its interception and use by other field offices is not authorized except in specific instances where the data for two or more Meat Inspection stations are combined for local dissemination. Examples of this are: Baltimore is authorized to intercept the Philadelphia report and combine the data with the report of its own office. Likewise, Philadelphia may intercept the Baltimore report and combine it with the Philadelphia report for dissemination, if desired.

To safeguard against improper use of the slaughter data, offices filing Form 31 reports are requested to properly direct their transmission by addressing the report as follows:

<u>STATION</u>	<u>ADDRESS REPORT TO</u>
New York	Livestock, CX Chicago
* Philadelphia	Livestock, CX Chicago Copy - Baltimore
* Baltimore	Livestock, CX Chicago Copy - Philadelphia
* Cincinnati	Livestock, CX Chicago
* Nat'l Stock Yards (Sends two totals)	Livestock, CX Chicago
* Indianapolis	Livestock, CX Chicago
Omaha	Livestock, CX Chicago
Sioux City	Livestock, CX Chicago

So. St. Paul	Livestock, CX Chicago
Des Moines	Livestock, CX Chicago
Kansas City	Livestock, CX Chicago
* So. St. Joseph	Livestock, CX Chicago
* Atlanta	Livestock, Thomasville
Thomasville	Livestock, CX Chicago
* Ogden	Livestock, Denver
Denver	Livestock, CX Chicago
	Copy - Ogden
* Ft. Worth	Livestock, CX Chicago
* Oklahoma City	Livestock, CX Chicago
* Wichita	Livestock, CX Chicago
San Francisco	Livestock, CX Chicago

* Confidential reports.

Reports should be addressed and sent according to the following sample:

"Baltimore, May 15, 1944

Livestock

CX, Chicago
Copy - Phil.

Form 31, week ended 3/11

A 1544, B 484, C 19658, D 236, E 21922"

Each week the Chicago office will send current totals as follows:

"32 Centers" to - Livestock, All circuits

"So. Cent. West" to - Livestock, So. St. Joseph

Relay S. W. circuit

"St. Paul, Wisc." to - Livestock, So. St. Paul

"Cin. Clev. Indpls" to - Livestock, Indpls.

" Cincinnati

Stations that are not starred above, and which issue daily mimeographed reports, are authorized and requested to carry on Monday or Tuesday of each week, as space permits, a brief table showing its local area and "32 centers" slaughter for the latest week, the week previous, and the corresponding week a year earlier. Stations that are starred, and which issue daily mimeographed reports will publish totals for the group within which their respective stations are included. For instance, Ft. Worth, Oklahoma City, and Wichita will publish the "South Central West" totals. There follows a sample of the form to be utilized in publishing the summary on daily livestock reports:

SLAUGHTER OF LIVESTOCK UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT 32 CENTERS

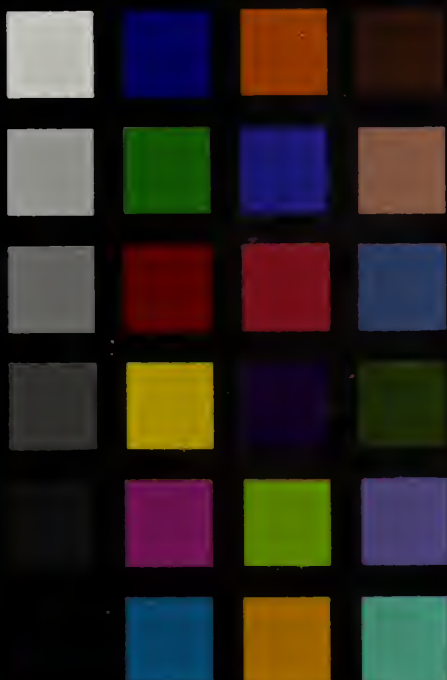
<u>Area</u>	<u>Week Ending</u>	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Hogs</u>	<u>Sheep</u>
So. Cent. West	March 25, 1944				
(Ft. Worth, Okla. City	March 18, 1944				
Wichita & So. St. Joseph)	March 27, 1943				
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32 Centers *	March 25, 1944				
	March 18, 1944				
	March 27, 1943				

* Detailed information for 32 centers may be obtained upon request

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